

REMARKS

Claims 5-8 and 11-14 are now pending in the application. Claims 2-4, 17, and 18 are now cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4 and 17-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandenburg (U.S. Pat. No. 5,914,535).

Claims 2-4 and 17-18 are now cancelled. Therefore, this Section 103 rejection of Claims 2-4 and 17-18 is now moot. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the allowance of Claims 5-8 and 11-14. Applicant notes that these claims are allowable for numerous reasons in addition to those set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action.

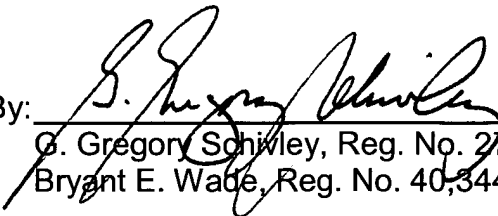
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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